



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
February 21, 2014

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ As I noted to you yesterday under a separate cover, we had an issue yesterday at the wastewater treatment plant while we were performing a tie-in to one of the new systems that is currently under construction. It appears that untreated wastewater that normally takes roughly 24 hours to treat from the time it enters the plant until it is discharged into Old River only went through a portion of the treatment process and was discharged without full treatment. Consequently, an unknown amount of partially treated wastewater was discharged into Old River. HERWIT Engineering is working with Veolia to review data and determine the approximate quantity of the partially treated discharge. At this time, all regulatory agencies have been notified and Veolia is in the process of identifying volumes, limits and potential violations, if any. I will keep you posted as additional information comes available.
- ✓ Last week I noted that the state of California notified special districts that have had requests for public records under the Public Records Act that they may be eligible for reimbursement of their costs. We have gone back to the periods that the state has authorized for expense reimbursement (beginning in FY 2007 through FY 2012) and tabulated those expenses to be in excess of \$64,000. After additional information was compiled, and if the state approves the submittal, we will be reimbursed in excess of \$81,000!
- ✓ Some of you may or may not know that reality TV Star *Dog the Bounty Hunter* and his production team are making Discovery Bay home for the next couple of months. I guess his group caused quite a stir last night at the Boardwalk Grill as fans sought autographs and photos. Our own Sue is a big fan and is hoping to get a photo with him as well. I have put a small "Welcome to Discovery Bay" gift bag together for *Dog* so that he can fondly remember his time spent here in Discovery Bay.

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ Last week I noted the incorrect day for the Community Center Open House as Thursday March 18. The actual day is Tuesday, March 18 from 5-7:30 p.m. I apologize for any inconvenience. If you could please provide a list of dignitaries/guests/friends that you would like to invite to the event, please let me know and we'll add them to the guest list.
- ✓ Last week I noted that we had installed the Measure WW Sign at the Community Center. The installation of that sign was the final component of receiving our \$400,000 in grant funds from the East Bay Regional Parks District for the Community Center Purchase. That submittal was made today, and I'm hopeful that we will receive a check in the amount of \$400,000 in the next couple of weeks!



Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ Finally, we have reliable internet connectivity at both wastewater plants. The fiber interconnect was tied in this week and is going through final testing prior to flipping the switch, which should take place early next week (if not sooner). This is a huge step for us because as you know, Comcast, AT&T, and other internet providers would not pull access to the site. The fiber line we put in place allows us to connect to Comcast by the golf course. Overall, the project allows us to separate all internet, SCADA and security for the first time.

- ✓ Our 1998 Chevrolet ¾ ton 4WD pick-up has finally reached the end of its useful life. With over 100,000 miles, brake issues and a failed transmission, it is time for a replacement vehicle. This is the vehicle that is used to tow equipment that the ½ ton vehicles cannot. I'll be putting a set of specs together to replace the vehicle. The vehicle replacement fund will be utilized for this purchase.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – March 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – March 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Community Center Open House, Tuesday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.